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FINE A news report says a Malaysian court has ordered two lovers to pay a fine of four buffaloes and a pig after they were found guilty of having an illicit affair.

The Star newspaper says the Native Court in Penampang district on Borneo island ruled Friday the man and woman must compensate their communities with the animals, valued at about 6,000 ringgit ($1,800) for their tryst. They were also fined 1,000 ringgit ($300) each.

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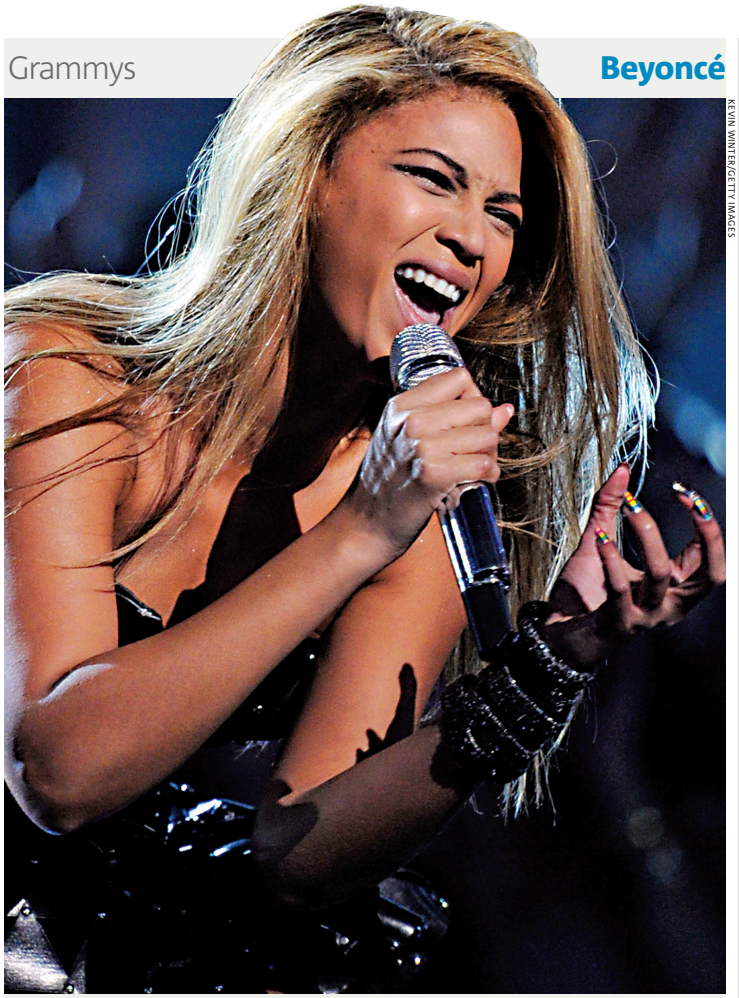

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Singer Beyoncé Knowles performs last night during the 52nd annual Grammy Awards at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. More coverage, page 24

Wheelin' 'n dealin'

Burke not done with trades as Leaf makeover continues

Brian Burke wants to remind fans about one thing: He's not done. Yesterday's stunning trades involving 10 players and three teams are simply a start. For now, the Leafs hope:

- The goaltending got better with J.S. Giguere.
- The defence got much tougher with Dion Phaneuf.
- The penalty killing got better with Fredrik Sjostrom.
- The farm system got a little deeper with defenceman Keith Aulie, a former Team Canada world junior gold medallist, joining the Marlies.

"From my perspective, it adds a vital building block to our blueprint with Dion Phaneuf," said Burke. "And I think it adds a couple of other useful parts. It provides the structure we need to have in the goaltending position.

"For us, it's a very important day."

Remaking the Leafs will continue.

On the web

- Let us know what you think of Brian Burke's trades at torontoletters@metronews.ca, on Twitter @metrotoronto, or comment online.

"We are in buying and selling mode," Burke said. "Our goal at the start of the season is to make the playoffs. I know people are going to think there's an issue here as far as my sanity. It's still our goal.

"We have some guys who are in rental modes as far as our contracts. We're listening on those guys. We're looking to add as well.

"I think this deal takes some offence out of our lineup. That's the next question — who replaces that offence?" Burke didn't have an answer for his own question.

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Giambrone ready to dig into run for mayor's chair

POLITICS At 32 and an archaeologist by training, Toronto Transit Commission chair Adam Giambrone is the Indiana Jones of interesting conversation. He talks about digs in Yemen at ruins dating to the Queen of Sheba and, in Sudan, to eras when Nubians ruled Egypt.

Today, Giambrone will unearth his intention to run for mayor of Toronto.

Why does he want to be mayor?

He loves the city his parents chose when they left the U.S. in opposition to the Vietnam War, loves exploring neighbourhoods with his partner, Sarah McQuarrie.

A political junkie and former president of the federal NDP, Giambrone first ran for city council in 2000 and lost. In 2003, he was elected and, in 2007, took 67 per cent of the vote in his Davenport riding (Ward 18).

He's the right candidate, he says. "Having had seven years at city hall, I've got the experience — the mayor is not an entry level job — but I haven't been there long enough to be closed to new ways of doing things."

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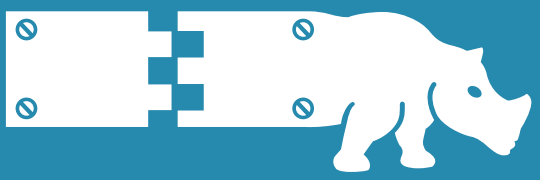

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HST may figure into byelection

Opposition hopes tax anger will defeat Grits

Premier Dalton McGuinty's government has a lot riding on Thursday's byelection in Toronto Centre, a seat the Liberals have held for a decade, but one the opposition parties feel they can win by tapping perceived voter anger over the harmonized sales tax.

However, merging the provincial sales tax with the GST was on the minds of voters in September during the last byelection, in neighbouring St. Paul's, and the Liberals were able to easily hang onto that riding, noted McGuinty.

"I think it's an issue — how could it not be — but it was an issue in the byelection before that as well," he said.

"I think (voters) may have noticed that effective the first of this month, they all got a tax cut."

Toronto Centre has one of the most ethnically and economically diverse populations in the country, from the Victorian townhouses of Cabbagetown and the mansions of Rosedale to the public housing of Regent Park and the soaring apartment towers of St. Jamestown, home to wave after wave of new immigrants.

"If you don't have a safe home, it's hard to have dignity, it's hard to have a job, it's hard to participate in society."
Glen Murray, Liberal candidate

Liberal candidate Glen Murray, 52, the former mayor of Winnipeg, is campaigning for affordable housing, advocating a "key in every pocket" so people have somewhere safe to go off the streets.

"If you don't have a safe home, it's hard to have dignity, it's hard to have a job, it's hard to participate in society," he said.

For NDP candidate Cathy Crowe, a well-known street nurse who spent decades tending to the poor and homeless, it was the wasteful spending and inadequate social funding of the Liberals that pushed her to run in the byelection.

Progressive Conservative candidate Pam Taylor, a lawyer with her own practice, is running for the second time, having finished a distant second to former deputy premier George Smitherman in 2007. Taylor said she's essentially been campaigning nonstop since then, and jokingly describes herself as the politician who hasn't gone away.

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More drug-dispensing kiosks on the way

HEALTH Drug-dispensing machines tested in Toronto medical centres will be permanent fixtures across the province under a plan approved by the Ontario Hospital Association.

One of the machines linked around the clock to a pharmacist will be installed this week at Toronto's Holland Orthopaedic & Arthritic Centre.

The hospital association has agreed to roll out the green and white kiosks after trials at three hospitals and a medical clinic over the past 2½ years.

Hundreds more will be installed in far-flung communities across the province only after the Ontario College of Pharmacists approves new regulations, expected later this year, said Peter Suma, chief operating officer and co-founder of PharmaTrust, the Oakville company that makes the machines.

Until then, the multilingual kiosks, which look like bank machines and are linked to live pharmacists, can be placed only in hospitals or doctors' clinics, Suma said.

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Weather **Cold warning ends**

RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A runner passes the frozen Lake Ontario lakefront yesterday near Ontario Place. The City of Toronto has cancelled the extreme cold weather alert that was issued on Thursday. An alert is called when Environment Canada predicts a temperature of –15 C or lower, before the wind chill is factored in.

News in brief

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS Two pedestrians were hit and hurt by buses in two separate incidents this weekend. They come after Toronto police conducted a weeklong safety blitz targeting pedestrians. Police at 14 Division told CBC News a 31-year-old woman was hit around 6 a.m. yesterday near Bloor Street West and Dufferin Avenue by a coach bus. The details of the incident and the extent of her injuries are not immediately known. It is also not known if the driver of the bus will be charged.

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Volunteer firefighter dies after rescue drill
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Going car-free for safe roads

Close streets on Sundays for walking, cycling: Advocate

This über-urban space — all oversized windows and open interiors — is exactly where you'd expect to find one of the world's leading advocates for walkable, bikeable, liveable cities.

Gil Penalosa's downtown-based organization 8-80 Cities, which was previously known as Walk & Bike for Life, is on a mission of building streets and neighbourhoods that are safe and inviting for people of all ages.

If a street is good for children and seniors, it's going to work for everyone, he reasons. It's why one of his key initiatives, car-free days, or ciclovias, makes so much sense, says Penalosa.

The concept, which involves closing certain streets to make the paved space available for walking and cycling, has been slower to thrive here than in some places. In New York and Guadalajara, Bogota's idea of Sunday ciclovias, a tradition there since the 1970s, has been embraced and modified to fit the landscape and residents.

With the support of the Ontario minister of health promotion, Margarett Best, 8-80 Cities is pushing for more car-free Sundays in the Toronto region.

Tomorrow, Best will help gather about 50 politicians and planners over lunch to plug the concept. There will be a Great Streets, Healthy Cities public information forum at 6:30 p.m. at the George Ignatieff Theatre, 15 Devonshire Place, behind Varsity Stadium.

Similar programs have been pioneered in places from Portland to Paris, and now 36 other Ontario municipalities, including Hamilton, have signed up.

Typically, car-free days grow from one-off events to regular car-free routes, which Penalosa describes as nothing less than streets of foot-powered social integration.

"All of a sudden, people realize how close things are," he says.

Toronto is only about 20 to 40 kilometres across.

"You can easily bike 20 kilometers an hour," he says. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Potential car-free zones in GTA

Gil Penalosa of 8-80 Cities suggests that there are several candidates for car-free streets:

- Burlington, Oakville and Mississauga could create a giant car-free day, or ciclovia, along the lakefront
- Bloor Street
- Eglinton Avenue
- University Avenue
- Burnhamthorpe Road in Mississauga could be used to connect Cooksville Creek with the Credit River at the University of Toronto's Mississauga campus
- Hurontario Street in Mississauga, from the City Centre-Burnhamthorpe area down to the lakeshore

Is Twitter turning students into twits?

LANGUAGE Little or no grammar teaching, cellphone texting, and social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter are all being blamed for an increasingly unacceptable number of post-secondary students who can't write properly.

For years there's been a flood of anecdotal complaints from professors about what they say is the wretched state of English grammar coming from some of their students.

Now there seems to be some solid evidence.

Waterloo University is one of the few post-secondary institutions in Canada to require the students they accept to pass an exam testing their English language skills.

Almost a third of those students are failing.

"Thirty per cent of students who are admitted are not able to pass at a minimum level," said Ann Barrett, managing director of the English language proficiency exam at Waterloo University.

"If a student has problems with articles, prepositions, verb tenses, that's a problem."
Ann Barrett, Waterloo University

"We would certainly like it to be a lot lower."

Barrett said the failure rate has jumped five percentage points in the past few years, up to 30 per cent from 25 per cent.

Even those with good marks out of Grade 12, so-called elite students "still can't pass our simple test," she said.

"If a student has problems with articles, prepositions, verb tenses, that's a problem." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Moose Magoose **Cold comfort**

MICHAEL STUPAVSKY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Dog-hoodie wearing Moose Magoose, a one-year-old pug, enjoys a winter play day on the snow-free grass of Withrow Park on Carlaw Avenue with owner Pierce Akins during the bitterly cold weekend.

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OPP seeks missing woman

The Ontario Provincial Police took to the air yesterday as they ramped up their search for a Belleville woman who was last heard from on Thursday. The OPP deployed a helicopter over the Belleville area to look for Jessica Elizabeth Lloyd, 27, who disappeared under what police consider to be suspicious circumstances. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wooing the Taliban could backfire: Envoy

AFGHANISTAN Canada's top envoy in Afghanistan warns wooing the Taliban could backfire on coalition forces if peaceful Afghans feel put out.

William Crosbie, Canada's ambassador to Afghanistan, told reporters yesterday the gesture is pointless if others perceive the Taliban as being favoured.

A scheme to lure moderate militants from the insurgency's more radical elements emerged from a recent international conference in London.

The plan involves paying out hundreds of millions of dollars to low-and mid-level Talibs in the hopes they'll defect.

Jobs and vocational training to militants who lay down their arms would also be offered under the scheme.

But Crosbie cautioned against any move that makes ordinary Afghans feel like the Taliban are getting a better deal than they are.

"There's no point developing some kind of a fund to which former insurgents are eligible if we're not equally providing support to Afghans who are not part of the insurgency now," he said.

"So we don't want to create the impression that somehow if you're a member of the insurgency that you would be uniquely be able to benefit from the fund." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada brings new med team

HAITI Canada's Disaster Assistance Response Team is putting a new tool in the field in earthquake shattered Haiti.

The DART will send out a mobile medical team today for the first time in Haiti.

The team will spend the day in an area about 15 kilometres from the village of Leogane.

In an email, Canadian Forces Maj. Bernard Dionne says the area has been assessed as one where many Haitians suffered earthquake-related injuries.

The mobile medical teams consist of nearly a dozen medical personnel, plus a few soldiers to offer protection, and Dionne says they can treat 100 people a day.

He says the military plans to send one team out each day, and will use helicopters to get them into areas where no road access is available. Dionne says the concept was used successfully in Pakistan after that country was hard-hit by an earthquake in 2005.

Personnel from the teams are drawn from DART's medical clinic. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nursing exodus to U.S. looms

Obama health-care package could see pros heading south: Officials

U.S. President Barack Obama's health-care package, although in political limbo, has nursing experts in Canada concerned about another exodus in their profession if provincial governments aren't vigilant in retaining nurses.

Canada will be short almost 66,000 registered nurses by 2022, says the Canadian Nurses Association. As of 2007, the country had 217,000 registered nurses delivering care but needed about 11,000 more, it added.

"We're always very concerned when we see potential of a renewed migration," said Rachel Bard, the CEO of the association.

"What is happening in the U.S. is a potential threat, because we already know that the United States is (going to be) short over 750,000 registered nurses (by 2020)."

House and Senate Democratic leaders in the U.S. are scrambling to see if they can salvage Obama's ambitious health-care plan, which Republicans almost universally oppose.

If it passes, the U.S. could embark on a renewed search for nurses abroad, Bard said.

The country's emergence from the recession could also play into a demand south of the border for nurses.

The worldwide recession has reduced inpatient admissions and decreased the demand, but Linda Aiken, a professor of nursing at the University of Pennsylvania, said her country will see a surge in the call for nurses as the economy improves.

"The U.S. Department of Labor estimates that over the next decade more jobs will be created for RNs than in any other job category," Aiken said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Union urges CEO wage freeze

• Hospital executives who have received "eye-popping" pay increases in recent years should have their wages frozen, a union representing hospital workers is urging the province, claiming a wage freeze at the 2009 level will free up tens of millions of dollars. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Law and order **Seeking exoneration**

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Romeo Phillion laughs with his sister Simonne Snowdon and brother Armand Phillion after being exonerated from a decades-old murder conviction last year in this file photo. The Court of Appeal for Ontario overturned Phillion's murder conviction and ordered a new trial, but made it clear it had not concluded Phillion was innocent.

News in brief

SKIING DEATHS A close-knit southern Ontario community mourned Saturday in coffee shops and hockey arenas as word spread that two residents of the town lost their lives in a skiing accident in British Columbia. "They're pretty much in shock," said Ken Watson, manager of the Grimsby Minor Hockey Association, as he described how the deaths of Steve Babb, 47, and Sam Vogl, 17, have rocked the small town. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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U.S. to consider local opinion on where to hold terror trials

The Obama administration said yesterday it would consider local opposition when deciding where to hold Sept. 11 terror trials. Objections from New York City officials and residents have intensified since the Justice Department announced it planned to put Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and other accused Sept. 11 conspirators on trial in lower Manhattan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

From YouTube to Davos

Anti-female genital mutilation activist Julia Lalla-Maharajh, left, addressed the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, on Saturday. The British activist took her appeal against the practice online and won the YouTube Davos Debates, a contest meant to give the winner the chance to pitch their cause at the forum. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Women-only aid rolls out

Haiti Crisis

Relief workers began handing out women-only food coupons, launching a new phase of what they hope will be less cutthroat aid distribution to ensure that families and the weak get supplies following Haiti's devastating quake.

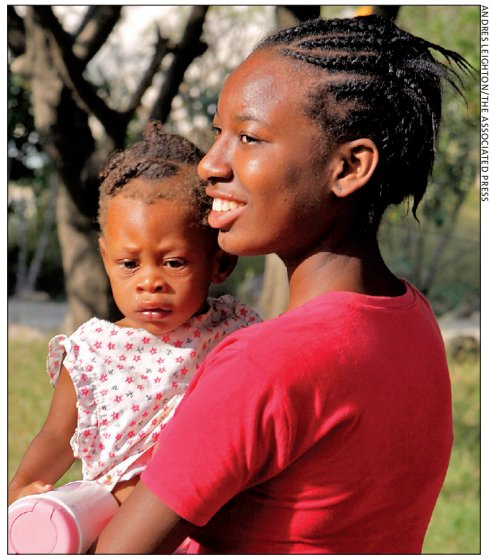
Young men often force their way to the front of aid lines or steal from others, meaning aid doesn't reach the neediest at distribution centres, according to aid groups.

The World Food Program coupons can be turned in by women at 16 sites in the capital, and entitle each family to 25 kilograms of rice. United Nations officials say they are still far short of reaching all two million quake victims estimated to need food aid.

Meanwhile, doctors skirted a bureaucratic logjam to save the life of three critically ill child victims of the earthquake yesterday, flying them to U.S. hospitals on a private jet to avoid a suspension of medical evacuation flights.

A five-year-old tetanus victim, a 14-month-old boy with pneumonia and a baby with third-degree burns were sent to Philadelphia by the aid group Partners in Health. The airlift had been in doubt after the U.S. military stopped medical evacuation flights Wednesday because of apparent concerns over the long-term costs to U.S. public hospitals.

Shortages of food, clean water, shelter and latrines are creating a potential spawning ground for epidemics. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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A girl who lives at an orphanage run by Austria-based SOS Children's Villages carries an infant in Port-au-Prince yesterday.

Pakistan investigating claims Taliban chief killed

STRIKE Pakistan was investigating reports yesterday that Pakistani Taliban leader Hakimullah Mehsud died from injuries sustained in a U.S. missile strike in mid-January after he helped orchestrate a deadly bombing against the CIA in Afghanistan.

Mehsud's predecessor was killed in a strike less than six months ago, and inflicting another blow to the group's leadership would be a major success for both Pakistan and the U.S. The U.S. unleashed more than a dozen drone strikes in the month following the Dec. 30 suicide bombing against the CIA in Afghanistan, and Mehsud's death would be further proof of the ability of the unmanned craft to target Taliban and al-Qaida leaders. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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News in brief

NASA Getting to space is about to be outsourced. The Obama administration will propose in its new budget today spending billions of dollars to encourage private companies to build, launch and operate spacecraft for NASA and others. Uncle Sam would buy its astronauts a ride into space just like hopping in a taxi. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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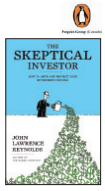

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Summit satisfaction

Financial VIPs more upbeat on economy

The world's foremost gathering of business and government leaders wrapped up a five-day meeting yesterday with widespread agreement that a fragile recovery is underway but no consensus on what's going to spur job growth and prevent another global economic meltdown.

In a group of many power players attending the annual World Economic Forum, in Switzerland there was even some humility and a realization that overcoming the first global financial crisis is uncharted territory.

The gathering of some 2,500 VIPs in the Swiss alpine resort of Davos saw much spirited debate on whether more regulation is needed for the financial industry and how to lower global unemployment and find ways to ensure the nascent recovery is kept on course through 2010.

The atmosphere of doom and gloom that pervaded last year's forum, which took place at the height of the economic crisis, was replaced this year by a feeling of some satisfaction that a modest recovery is underway but uncertainty about the way forward and how banks should respond.

Deutsche Bank chief executive Josef Ackerman said the worst of the financial and economic crisis had been managed "quite successfully."

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Philippines **A good grip on luck**

AARON FAVILA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Filipino boys in costumes and their bodies painted black, hold each other as they walk to join an annual procession of the Santo Nino, the infant Jesus, in Manila, Philippines, yesterday. Devotees bring their Santo Nino images annually in the belief that it will bring them luck and good health.

Dead man was arms smuggler: Israel

JERUSALEM Days after Hamas accused Israel of electrocuting and poisoning one of its commanders in his Dubai hotel room, Israel claimed yesterday that the dead man played a critical role in smuggling long-range rockets from Iran to Palestinian militants in Gaza.

Israel has not acknowledged any role in the killing of Mahmoud al-Mabhouh on Jan. 20. But it was one of several mysterious deaths of Arab militants attributed to Israel's Mossad spy agency over the years.

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100 protesters arrested at rally

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News in brief

PAKISTAN A suicide bomber killed 16 people at a police checkpoint in a tribal area near Afghanistan. In the same belt, suspected U.S. missiles killed nine alleged militants, officials said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Long transition lies ahead for TTC

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We all have suggestions on how the TTC can improve the service it provides to passengers. By looking at the list of customer-oriented initiatives the agency unveiled last week, it seems somebody over there already knew what had to happen.

The TTC's crisis of credibility provides a chance to take long overdue action. Although, as I've stated before, sheer force of habit makes it hard for individuals and organizations to genuinely change — and certainly not quickly. Of course, the Toronto mayoral election could bring radical moves; already there are threats to reorganize the city board that oversees transit. More shakeups could follow.

This pressure could explain why these initiatives were poured out before any outsiders are named to the proposed customer service committee. Many of the TTC's plans are spot-on, too.

For example, fix the microphones on collector booths, and send out "secret shoppers" to evaluate the experience of buying fares — from a rider's perspective.

Quick tip

• GO Transit shows it can consult riders, too: The revamped site gotransit.com now includes a section on GO's Customer Service Advisory Committee.

Why not go further? Urge employees to use the system more. A huge proportion of workers and management live outside Toronto and drive to work. It's easier to think like a customer when you wait for an early morning bus and then ride in the back for a while.

The TTC also plans to make it easier to submit verbal complaints at any time. Since service runs 24 hours a day, riders may need to report an issue right away — not the next business day. Go further: Immediately provide tracking numbers for each complaint and publish response times.

Better communication forms a big part of these TTC initiatives. Many use new technology, but the old-fashioned kind needs attention, too. In any organization, departments forget to communicate with each other. TTC managers must provide workers with more information — such as delay reports that can be passed on to riders, as well as timely responses when employees suggest how to improve service.

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Views

Big Moments change your life forever

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A very wise piece of advice goes: If you don't want to annoy anyone, don't talk about politics or religion. So, today, I'm going to avoid talking about politics.

For the last few years I've been training to become a minister in the United Church of Canada. This past week I had my final interview. Many years of study and training came down to the result of a two-hour chat. After which I would either be: a) approved to do a job I've worked for, planned for, and know I'll love, or b) cast into the world with no hope, no future and no obvious reason for existing. Frankly, I was hoping for the former.

An interview like this is what I call a Big Moment. Sometimes, this kind of moment is marked by saying memorable words such as, "I do," or "Oh my God, the test strip is blue. I told you to stop buying contraception products at the dollar store!" In any case, a Big Moment means your life is about to change forever.

To prepare for this Big Moment, I had a plan:

First, I prayed. I've had training in praying. I raised two teenagers.

Next, I checked out advice on interview techniques. These include tips such as, "Go in knowing something about the CEO." In my case, this would be God. Or, "Be prepared to ask questions."

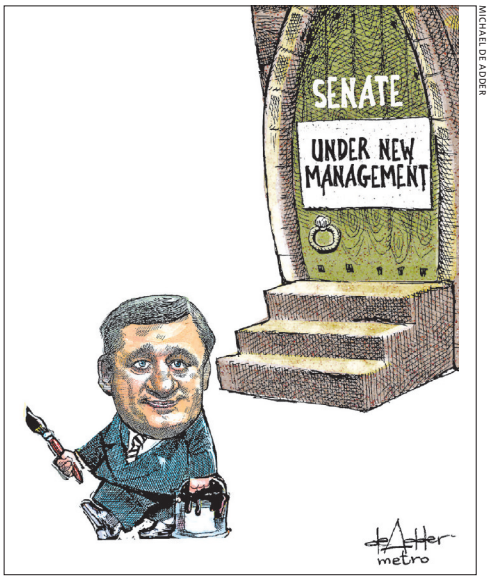
I also read not to take someone with you to the interview, "Always go alone." This was a problem. If there's one thing we're taught in religious school, it's that we're never alone.

Finally, I took the precaution of making a list of all the things my training would qualify me to do, should I not pass. These included, "Sell pencils on street corner, offer self to aliens as human sample, and learn not to eat." It's good to know your options.

I'm happy to say I passed. I will be ordained in May.

So, is my future set? Of course not. Big Moments happen all the time. Life can turn on a dime. But there is a plan that will help you be prepared. Let go and enjoy the ride.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.



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Bloomingdale's opens first international outpost in Dubai

Macy's has opened its only Bloomingdale's store outside the United States in Dubai. The $73.4-million US joint venture with retailer al-Tayer Insignia of the United Arab Emirates includes a clothing and accessories store and a home furnishings store, both in the Dubai Mall, next to the world's tallest tower, Burj Khalifa. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Business in brief

FUNDS Two Arab investment companies yesterday announced the launch of the first private equity fund designed to boost the Palestinian economy. The semiofficial Palestine Investment Fund and Dubai-based Abraaj Capital hope to raise $50 million this year.

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Panel finds security gap

A blue-ribbon panel has found a gaping hole in the security vetting of companies that do work for the federal government.

Many departments screen their contract workers, but fail to check out the companies those individuals work for — creating a potential conduit for secrets to leak out.

"Left unchecked, company officials could exert undue pressure on their employees to reveal sensitive information because of their position of authority or power," says an internal government document.

Only Public Works, the RCMP and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) routinely check the bona fides of companies that have been awarded classified government work, in addition to screening the employees who work for these companies.

About 1,800 classified contracts issued each year by some two dozen other departments do not include security vetting of the companies that win the bids, the Task Force on the Security Screening of Individuals found.

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Game on Vancouver dresses up

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A woman prepares to sidestep a pigeon as she walks past a Vancouver Winter Olympics window display of Team Canada clothing in Vancouver on the weekend. Over the past weeks the city has been transformed with businesses decorated and Olympic banners going up. The Games open Feb. 12.

Beer output bubbling in B.C.

BREWERS Molson Coors, the official 2010 Olympics supplier of beer, has doubled the brews it does per week and has added shifts to make more cans and kegs. Unofficial contenders are also anticipating a sharp uptick. Across the province, it's estimated 36 million cans of all beer will be consumed in February, according to Molson forecasts.

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Lego looking to dethrone Mega Brands

TOYS Danish toy giant Lego is attempting to knock Montreal-based Mega Brands from its perch as global leader in preschool plastic blocks by aligning itself with Disney and two blockbuster children's movies — Toy Story 3 and the sequel to Cars — set for release this year.

In addition to regular blocks based on Disney licences, Lego will adapt them to its Duplo line of larger blocks that cater to toddlers. Lego's 2010 lineup of products will be introduced at the Canadian Toy and Hobby Fair, a trade show that opened yesterday in Toronto.

For years, Lego let the preschool market slide while it focused on getting its financial house in order.

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Dazed And Confused

Most Drivers Lost When Looking For The Lowest Car Insurance Rates

Why Is It So Hard To Find The Best Rates?

The truth is, it isn't as difficult as it seems once you know where to look. We've all heard that it pays to shop around – and car insurance is no different. For most people, that means talking to friends, making phone calls, surfing the Internet, and speaking with several brokers and insurance companies to get competitive rates. But with over 30 insurance companies providing car insurance in Ontario, getting references and quotes from everyone takes too much time, right? Wrong. This is where an online service like InsuranceHotline.com, which provides real-time quotes from competing insurers, can help.

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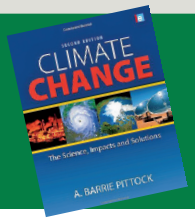

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Hope for Haiti housing found in containers

Retrofitting common shipping boxes a possible solution to homeless problem plaguing country

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

Thirteen months ago, a team of researchers at Clemson University, including Pernille Christensen, Martha Skinner and Doug Hecker, developed a concept, SEED, providing temporary relief for victims of natural disasters.

Their method involves turning used shipping containers into sustainable housing.

SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE SHIP

In order for SEED to work, you need a surplus of shipping containers, a port and labor. When recent mudslides in Columbia left thousands homeless, the lack of port action meant SEED was unable to take action.

The Caribbean, bordered by the ocean and whose surplus of imports over exports means an accumulation of shipping containers, is ideal — there are an estimated 30 million unused containers.

"Sometimes it's cheaper for the containers to remain in port than for them to get sent back. We want to achieve a system whereby we have the containers ready in case of an emergency," explains Christensen.

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Researchers hope to turn shipping containers into a sustainable and emergency housing solution.

One 40-foot shipping container can carry up to 67,200 pounds (an average family of 5) and resist overturn when exposed to winds of up to 140 mph.

SHORT TERM SOLUTION

Ideally, SEED would like the shipping containers to be set in place if there were to be a disaster. The emergency homes would be able to withstand extreme weather conditions and provide other housing solution rather than tents.

According to Hecker, Haiti isn't quiet ready for the containers.

"When we will be able to set up homes for the estimated 400,000 homeless remains ambiguous. We are hoping it will be in the next month, but this will depend on capturing the surplus of containers, getting the professionals there and all other logistical issues."

LONG TERM SOLUTION

In the long term, SEED wants to use the containers as a basis for distraught communities to re-connect.

Hecker and Christensen are working on the customization of the containers.

"After natural disasters, the soil loses its nutritional value so we've designed an emergency garden. We've identified local plant cycles ones that grow fast and produce the fruit and vegetables necessary for the community to become self-sufficient, such as bread fruit, yams and potatoes," explains Christensen. In the long run that would involve looking at the nutritional cycle and growing additional staples such as mangoes, papayas and bananas.

"As the poorest country in the Caribbean, it's a worse case scenario," explains Hecker.

But only once SEED has established shipping contacts and some sort of functioning infrastructure, will they be able to fully implement the project in Haiti.

"Because of the scale of the disaster, there is currently a surplus of containers which have been used to ship in emergency good," says Skinner. In the long run, SEED would be able to convert these into houses.

400,000
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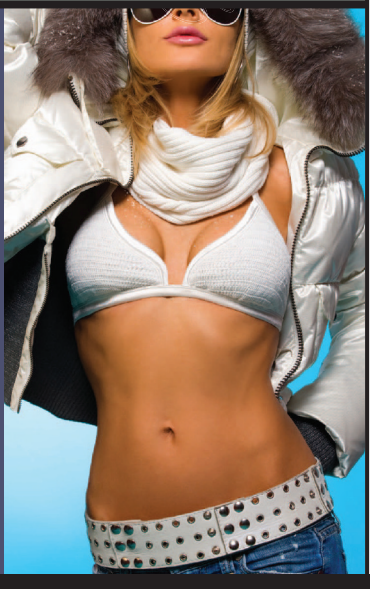

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Sports

Schumacher back behind wheel

The new Formula One campaign begins today with the start of pre-season testing that will also bring the return of German Michael Schumacher, left, at Mercedes GP after three years out of motor racing's premier sport. The three-day session at Valencia's Cheste Circuit will be the first of four in February before the season-opening Bahrain Grand Prix March 14. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Phaneuf adds 'different dimension'

Wilson praises new blue-liner's intensity

When he left Calgary yesterday after the blockbuster trade with the Leafs, Dion Phaneuf wore a UFC-style baseball cap, a hunter's parka with a fur collar, and the familiar, steely countenance he's famous for.

And that was just for a gathering of Calgary media types bidding adieu to one of the city's most famous hockey sons. Wait until you see him on the ice in his new Toronto Maple Leafs uniform.

Indeed, there's no mistaking anything about the 24-year-old native of Edmonton. He's not a lengthy conversationalist. When it comes to voicing his opinion for public consumption, he can be downright hard and scrabbly.

And when he's in uniform, that hard-as-nails attitude follows him.

"I got to know Dion a couple of years ago briefly at the all-star game in Atlanta, and I coached against him in San Jose," Leafs coach Ron Wilson said yesterday as the Leafs, in one of the biggest and most dramatic trade days since the Doug Gilmour deal, landed Calgary's bone crushing blue-liner in a seven-player deal.

"We lost a series against him and we won a series against him. He adds a different dimension to our back end, somebody who is very dangerous on the power play in particular ... great open ice hitter, plays with belligerence, a caustic type personality ... you investigate these things and I'm told he practises every bit as hard and with the same intensity as he does when he plays. And I think that aggressiveness in all situations on and off the ice is something we need."

There is, however, an emotional side to Phaneuf, one his parents say not many people know about, and one he certainly showed in a teary goodbye to his Flames teammates.

"It was a shock, it was definitely a shock," a recomposed Phaneuf said afterwards.

"I found out this morning. The toughest part is saying goodbye to your buddies. You guys (media) probably found out before me."

Those tears weren't the result of acting lessons from his movie star girlfriend Elisha Cuthbert. Certainly, it had been a trying time for Phaneuf, given his subpar season last year, the Flames' troubling losing streak the past month, and an overblown, but still serious shouting match early in the season with coach Brent Sutter.

"Dion and myself have zero issues at all," Sutter said. "There's stuff made out about the beginning of the year, but it all was being passionate about what we want to get done here. There was never an issue. I have the utmost respect for Dion. I've seen him grow and grow up."

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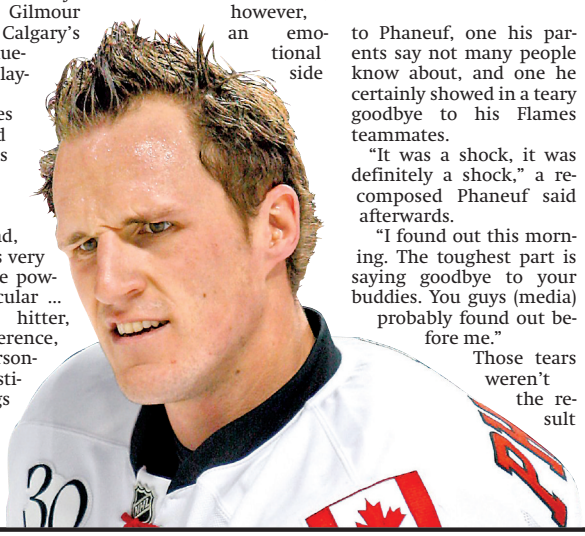

Dion Phaneuf

Yesterday's trades

- Toronto traded D Ian White, C Matt Stajan, LW Nick Hagman and RW Jamal Mayers to Calgary for D Dion Phaneuf, D Keith Aulie and LW Fredrik Sjostrom.
- Toronto traded G Vesa Toskala and LW Jason Blake to Anaheim for G J.S. Giguere.

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Raptors win fifth in a row

NBA RESULTS

Pacers 102 **Raptors** 117

Pacers VS

Chris Bosh scored 26 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead the Toronto Raptors to their fifth victory in a row, 117-102 over the Indiana Pacers yesterday.

Andrea Bargnani added 17 for the Raptors, who had seven players score in double figures before a crowd of 16,7615 at the Air Canada Centre.

The Raptors lost Hedo Turkoglu after the first minute after he was struck above his eye while driving to the basket. Turkoglu suffered a small non-displaced orbital bone fracture, and the team is investigating the possibility of having him play with a mask.

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Egypt wins African Cup title

Substitute Mohamed Gedo scored in the 85th minute yesterday to help Egypt beat Ghana 1-0 and secure its third straight title at the African Cup of Nations. Tournament debutant Gedo curled in a shot from within the area to give Egypt its record seventh title. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

ARGOS Scott Milanovich has spurned the Toronto Argonauts. The Montreal Alouettes announced yesterday that Milanovich, the club's offensive co-ordinator and assistant head coach, is staying put. The Argos had offered Milanovich their vacant head coaching position Friday.

SOCCER Wayne Rooney scored his 100th Premier League goal yesterday as Manchester United beat Arsenal 3-1 to subdue a title rival while maintaining the pressure on leader Chelsea. United finishes the weekend still a point behind Chelsea, which has a game in hand, but four ahead of Arsenal.

CURLING Defending champion Jennifer Jones and Alberta's Valerie Sweeting both improved to 2-0 yesterday at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. Sweeting scored six in the sixth and four more in the seventh to dispatch P.E.I's Kathy O'Rourke 13-2 in seven ends in the third draw.

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Federer wins 16th Grand Slam title

Roger Federer experienced quite a range of emotions these past two Australian Opens.

A year ago, he sobbed on court after losing a thrilling final in five sets.

Federer was all smiles yesterday after rather easily beating Andy Murray 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (11) for a fourth championship in Melbourne and 16th Grand Slam title overall.

"All of a sudden, it was over, and it hit me," Federer said. "It was very much a roller-coaster."

While Murray missed a chance to end a drought for British men at Grand Slam tournaments that stretches all the way to 1936, Federer became the first dad to win a major singles title since 2003. He also now can aim at a true, calendar-year Grand Slam, something no man has accomplished since 1969.

"I'm over the moon winning this again," the 28-year-old Swiss star said. "I played some of my best tennis in my life these last two weeks. It's also very special — the first Grand Slam as a father."

Federer had only recently discovered he was to become the father of twins when he lost the Australian Open final against rival Rafael Nadal last year, then broke down during the presentation.

This time, Federer was in control of the action pretty much throughout against Murray, and afterward it was the 22-year-old from Scotland whose voice was breaking and who was choking back tears.

"I can cry like Roger," Murray said. "It's just a shame I can't play like him." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Roger Federer kisses the trophy yesterday after beating Andy Murray to win the men's singles final at the Australian Open.

Games shouldn't go unseen

It's Called Football

Ben Rycroft

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Julian DeGuzman spoke to It's Called Football over the weekend. Listen to the show at metronews.ca/itscalled football

There was a time when I would tell anyone who would listen that soccer would soon eclipse every major sport in this country — including hockey.

I would point to the slow demise of baseball in Toronto, the youth participation numbers across Canada outstripping any other sport and the rise of professional franchises in cities like Montreal, Vancouver and Toronto as reasons why the next generation in Canada would be an Adidas Generation.

It was often an argument that was one part smart-ass, one part self-delusion and two parts self-preservation (there aren't a lot of national soccer columns in this country).

And after a few pints at the pub I'll still tell any Blue Jays-cap wearing nut-bar to enjoy the team while he can — I have to be honest about a few things.

One — domestic soccer here just doesn't draw traditional TV ratings. Whether it is for the national team or one of the Whitecaps, Impact or TFC, it just does not have the same numbers pull as the established sports.

Two — the likes of TSN will continue to ignore the sport as nothing but a niche market until they figure out how to generate revenue from it.

If you look at the coverage SportsCentre provides on any given night, it is always reflective of its own programming. TSN is heavily involved in NHL and CFL coverage and those are the sports that are given priority on any given night.

When it became obvious that no networks were going to broadcast Canada's game last night, I jokingly posted an ad on Craigslist Jamaica asking anyone with a camera and Internet access to broadcast the game for $100.

Needless to say, I didn't get any response from the Jamaicans, but the flood of Canadians who wrote me to ask if I had any luck certainly were interested.

Canadian fans famously crashed pockets of the Macedonian Internet last year when they latched on to several web streams broadcasting a Canadian friendly.

While the rating numbers aren't big enough for the major networks to justify a broadcast, there is a market for games like these.

Toronto FC has recognized this in the past and as a thank you of sorts to their fans broadcast preseason games through their website.

The Canadian Soccer Association could easily do the same. It may not have resources to self-broadcast but with a growing number of private companies like SSN (which broadcasts another niche market — CIS sports) out there, there is no reason now for games like these to go unseen any longer.

Watch Ben Rycroft on the It's Called Football show every Monday at metronews.ca; ben.rycroft@metronews.ca

Skicross racer injured, but hoping to compete in Games

The Canadian Olympic freestyle team may be without one of its top medal hopefuls. Skicross racer Julia Murray tore ligaments in her knee during training last weekend but is hoping to compete in the Vancouver Games, the Canadian Ski Cross Team said yesterday in a release. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver Games

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U.S. goaltender has Canada's number

Jessie Vetter has broken the hearts of Canada's women's hockey team before.

Can she do it again in the biggest game in the sport of women's hockey?

If Canada and the U.S. face each other for the Olympic gold medal Feb. 25, chances are Vetter will be in the American net.

She's had more success against Canada in recent years than any other U.S. goalie

The Americans won two straight world championship finals against Canada for the first time with Vetter in goal.

Canada and the U.S. did not even meet at the 2006 Olympics in Turin, Italy, where the under-prepared Americans were upset in the semifinal by Sweden.

Vetter, who joined the national team the following year, has been the key in her country's resurgence in women's international hockey since then.

Goaltending had traditionally been the Achilles' heel of the U.S. in big games against Canada. That is no longer the case.

"Jessie has gotten us over the hump as far as making the big saves and being under that pressure," U.S. captain Natalie Darwitz said.

"It's difficult to score on her the first opportunity. She gets into people's heads and they may grip their sticks a little bit tighter then."

From April 10, 2008, to Nov. 6, 2009, Vetter carried a 6-1 record versus Canada. Her most recent start was a 3-2 shootout loss on Jan. 1 in Ottawa, where the two countries played the last of six exhibition games prior to the start of the Olympic tournament Feb. 13.

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Jessie Vetter of Team USA looks on during a game against Team Canada in Ottawa on Jan. 1.

Two of her victories were the world championship finals of 2008 and 2009. Another was the Hockey Canada Cup final on Sept. 6 at Vancouver's GM Place, which will be renamed Canada Hockey Place for the Olympics.

"It's amazing to even been playing in back-to-back worlds in the championship game against a great team like Canada," says the effervescent Vetter.

If anyone can giggle at thousands of Canadian fans trying to get into her head by chanting "Vet-ter, Vet-ter" at Canada Hockey Place, it's this curly-haired, 25-year-old from Cottage Grove, Wis.

"I love playing in Canada," Vetter insists. "I just like having people in the stands.

"They will definitely be against the American team and obviously, a goaltender, you obviously stick out. I won't be a fan favourite. I'm looking forward to it and it should be a good time."

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.943 Jessie Vetter's career save percentage against Canada prior to a recent pair of defeats was .943, but it has since dropped to .910.

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uCalgary ponders tuition hikes for professional programs
The University of Calgary is taking advantage of a one-time offer from the Alberta government to apply for increases in base tuition amounts in certain programs. University officials are proposing tuition hikes of up to 47 per cent in professional programs next year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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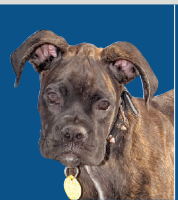

Vet college on W-5

The University of Guelph's Ontario Veterinary College was the subject of last Saturday's broadcast of CTV's W-5. The episode focused on cancer research at the vet college and explain how treating cancer in animals can assist efforts to understand the disease in humans. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Workology in **brief**

UOTTAWA WAIVES TUITION, RESIDENCE FEES FOR HAITIAN STUDENTS The University of Ottawa announced last week it will cover tuition and residence fees this term for the 23 Haitian students attending the institution on a student visa. Shortly after the earthquake, uOttawa president Allan Rock met with the students, some of whom were grieving lost relatives, others unsure of the whereabouts of their families.

EXPELLED MCMASTER STUDENT RECEIVES JAIL SENTENCE FOR RESIDENCE FIRE A former McMaster University student was sentenced last week to two years less a day in jail for an October 2008 arson that endangered the lives of fellow residents of a university dormitory and cost McMaster more than $5 million. Emerson Pardoe, a first-year student at the time, set of pile of newspapers on fire as he was riding the elevator to the third floor of Brandon Hall.

CHARGES DROPPED AGAINST UWO STUDENT SUBJECT OF VIDEO-CAPTURED ARREST Charges have been dropped against Irnes Zjelkovic, a 22-year-old University of Western Ontario student whose violent arrest on campus in October was caught on video and posted on YouTube. The Crown agreed to stay the charges as long as Zjelkovic continues to receive psychiatric treatment.

$32 MILLION FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS IN N.B., P.E.I. The federal government announced last week nearly $32 million under the Atlantic Innovation Fund for research and development projects in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. N.B. will receive $19.6 million for nine projects, while P.E.I. will get $12.3 million for seven projects. The University of Prince Edward Island and its vet college will receive a total of $4.3 million for three projects, and the University of New Brunswick will be given a total of $5.9 million for three projects.

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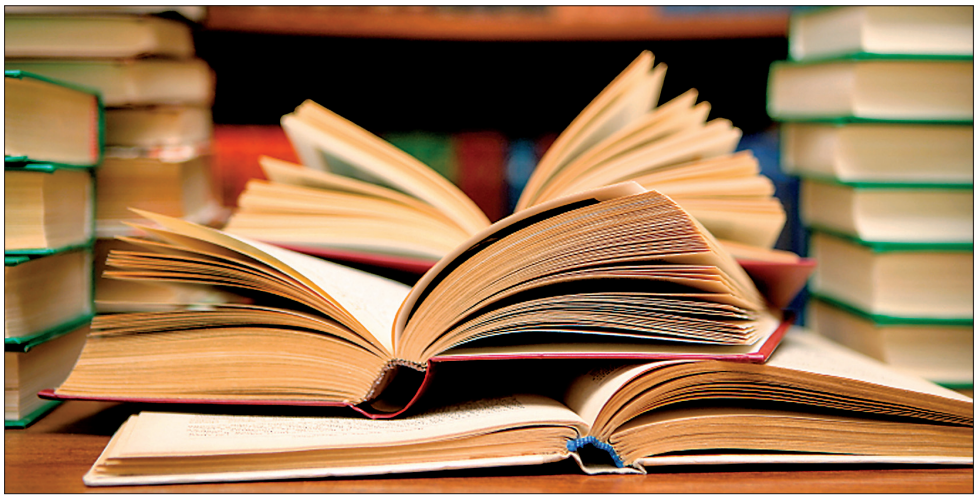

Getting an undergraduate degree does not necessarily equate to a job, or as one consultant puts it, "university is not job preparation."

Finding justification in hitting the books

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

As university tuition rises while job markets contract, the pressure mounts for institutes of higher learning to justify themselves as job-getting engines. But does an undergrad really make people more employable and is that the purpose of university anyway?

Harold Jarche of Jarche Consulting thinks the "university myth" has been busted by its own popularity.

"With my parents, it was pretty simple: Go to university and get an education because that means you get a better job. But correlation doesn't equal causation — it's not because you've got this schooling that you got the better job, it was because you were part of a small elite," says the Sackville, N.B.-based consultant specializing in integrating work and learning. "I'm not saying university is bad or wrong; I'm saying university is not job preparation."

"I'm not saying university is bad or wrong; I'm saying university is not job preparation." Consultant Harold Jarche

The Canadian Council on Learning reports one in five Canadians aged 25 to 44 has a degree. A recent Globe and Mail article said enrolment has jumped by 40 per cent since the early 1990s and tuition has tripled over the same period, saddling students with greater debt. Jobless grads learn the curriculum isn't based on industry needs, as community colleges are, meaning degrees don't line up with work.

Jarche says universities have intrinsic value, but job-focused students should ask themselves: "Is the return on investment worth it?" He suggests an entrepreneur could better invest the money in a start-up business or a tradesmen studying at college.

Jeff Rybak, a Maclean's blogger and the author of What's Wrong With University And How to Make It Work For You Anyway, says universities reluctantly took the role of job engines.

"Universities don't want to be the gateway to the job market, but as tuition is rising they're stuck having to justify what they're doing in economic terms," says the law student at the University of Toronto.

Some students are at university to learn, some because they want to be accountants and some are just there because "they have absolutely no way of explaining to their parents that they're not going. That's when you're really screwed," he says.

It's the "holding pen" drifters who are just wasting time and money. Rybak urges them to instead follow the British example of the "gap year" after high school to travel and decide what you really want to do next — and whether university will help you do it.

Long-time employees steal more often: Study

SMALL BUSINESS It often starts with a trusted employee who a small business owner would never suspect. Invoices might be forged, or cheques might be stolen. By the time the boss catches on, thousands of dollars in cash or inventory have been stolen.

A look at the problem, and steps a business can take to try to prevent it:

Who does it?

Lawyers who handle employee theft cases say workers who steal from their companies are usually not the recent hires.

The thief tends to be "the long-term trusted employee who's never had any evidence of (prison) time on their record," said John Palter, an employment attorney with the law firm Riney Palter in Dallas.

How does it happen?

A common method is for an employee to create a fictitious vendor who is paid for goods never received or services never performed. The employee creates an invoice and a cheque is cut to pay the non-existent vendor. The employee cashes the cheque.

Another method involves an agreement between the employee and an actual vendor in which the vendor kicks back some of the marked-up payment to the employee.

An employee might also open an account with the same name as the company, take customer cheques and deposit them in that account. The company's books are then adjusted so there's no record of the customer transaction.

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uWinnipeg ordered to pay nearly $9 million to pension plan members

A Manitoba pension commission has ruled that the University of Winnipeg must pay $8.8 million to over 600 current and retired staff over the next few months. In order to do so, uWinnipeg had to take out a 40-year loan, which will end up costing $24 million once it has been paid off. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Olympic sponsorship, years in the making

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Diane Peters

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Mickael Vinet, left, torch relay manager and Nicola Kettlitz, Vancouver 2010 Olympic sponsorship organizer, bump fists on the way to the Queen Charlotte Islands, B.C.

Like it or not, major sports events like the Olympics need corporate sponsors to help pay the bills. And those sponsors need someone to run the show.

For Coca Cola, that person is Nicola Kettlitz, 47. From support on the torch relay to providing entertainment and refreshments at the games, Kettlitz has organized it all.

Born in Italy, Kettlitz was raised in Brazil and did his undergraduate degree and MBA in the U.S.

He started his career working with Chrysler in Detroit, and was later recruited by Coke's head office in Atlanta.

The company then sent him back to Italy, where he rose to the country's top job for the company.

But Kettlitz was used to travel and change. So when Coke needed someone to head up sponsorship for the 2006 games in Torino, Kettlitz took the job — after some hesitation.

"How often in a big company like Coke do you get the opportunity to start something from scratch? I took the job in Torino somewhat reluctantly. It turned out to be the best job of my life."

After the games ended, Kettlitz packed up his wife and daughter to move back to Atlanta — then Coke's Canadian office called, asking him to organize the 2010 games. He redirected a shipment of furniture and moved to Vancouver three years ago.

"I took the job in Torino somewhat reluctantly. It turned out to be the best job of my life."

Coca Cola sponsorship organizer Nicola Kettlitz

The job started with about two years of planning. For the relay, for instance, Kettlitz had to decide how to choose 4,500 torch bearers (he eventually settled on getting people to write essays about how they're living greener), and plan how the company would take care of bearers and provide entertainment on the route.

Kettlitz has spent the last year hiring staff and seeing his ideas come to life. He's been following the torch as much as possible: When he does he pretty much lives out of his car and answers his BlackBerry constantly.

Now, he's back in Vancouver hiring more staff: He'll have 600 in total once the games start. He'll put the finishing touches on how Coke will sell drinks and provide refreshments free for staff and athletes at sports venues, and pull together programming for Coke's special events venues, like the 8,500 square foot tent in downtown Vancouver.

During the game, Kettlitz will constantly drop in on the venues to encourage staff and deal with problems; plus he'll be showing Coke's executives and clients around.

Those will be long days: He'll crash at a downtown Vancouver apartment during the games. When it's over, he expects lots of tears. "I cried at the end of Torino. You don't want it to be over."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job title: Sponsorship organizer

Salary: "I run a business: It's a high level job."

Training/education: MBA and experience

Best Part of the Job: "Meeting all the happy people along the road. Working with teams that are very passionate about what they're doing."

Worst Part of the Job: "It ends. February 28 at 6 p.m. it's all over."

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BookReview

Switch

Author: Chip Heath & Dan Heath

Publisher: Random House

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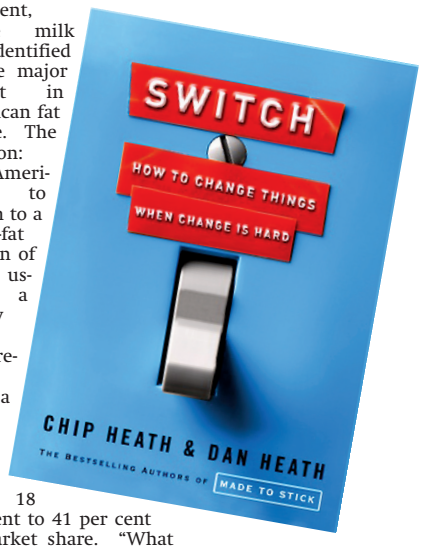
Its the first day of February ... are you still on track with those New Years resolutions? According to brotherly duo Chip and Dan Heath, resisting temptation is exhausting. Following their wildly successful book Made to Stick, the Heaths embarked on figuring out the mechanics of change.

Change is never easy, mostly because change means doing something differently or against your emotional desire. One example given in the book is of an experiment to reduce saturated fat intake for a population. To say "eat healthy" is far too vague and does not give clear direction. In the experiment, whole milk was identified as the major culprit in American fat intake. The solution: Get Americans to switch to a lower-fat version of milk using a catchy PSA. The result was a jump for skim milk from 18 per cent to 41 per cent in market share. "What looks like resistance is lack of clarity" said the Heaths.



If you are looking to create change within yourself or your organization, this fun read will shed a bit of insight onto how you should shape the path to change.

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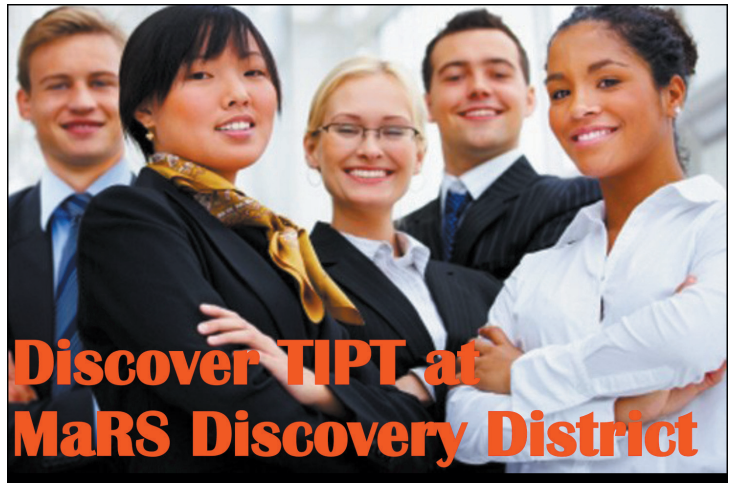

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Parks and Recreation renewed

Parks and Recreation has been renewed early for next season, TVGuide.com has confirmed. The Amy Poehler-led sitcom takes a behind-the-scenes look at small-town bureaucracy in an Indiana-area parks department. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Entertainment

Rise to FAME

E! Online reports that Bluewater Comics is producing a 32-page comic book entitled FAME: Robert Pattinson, which will chronicle the actor's rise to stardom.

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Beyoncé wins big at Grammys

The 52nd Grammy Awards belonged to Beyoncé as the singer smashed the record for most trophies by a female artist in a single night.

The 28-year-old picked up a record six prizes last night, owning a ceremony in which a group of young artists helped put a fresh face on the greying Grammys.

"Wow, thank you so much," Beyoncé said as she took the stage to claim her award for best female pop vocal performance.

"I'm sorry, I'm nervous. I'd love to thank my family for all their support, including my husband, I love you. And I'd like to thank all of my fans for all of their support over the years, goodnight, thank you."

Though Beyoncé was set to duel with 20-year-old Taylor Swift and 23-year-old Lady Gaga in all three of the Grammys' main categories, it didn't end up being much of a fight.

She won song of the year for the omnipresent Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It) and brought her all-time Grammy haul to 16 awards.

Swift, the Black Eyed Peas, Jay-Z and Kings of Leon had three trophies last night while Gaga, Kanye West, Rihanna, Maxwell, Eminem, Jason Mraz and Bela Fleck were among a group of two-time winners.

Canadians Neil Young and Michael J. Fox both won their first-ever Grammy prizes, while Vancouver's Michael Buble took his second career award.

While Swift couldn't rival Beyoncé's haul, the songstress with the long golden locks seemed thrilled to win at all.

Hours after she won two awards during the non-televised pre-show (and held one of the trophies up, exclaiming in disbelief: "This is a Grammy!"), Swift climbed the Staples Center stage to claim the prize for best country album.

"I just feel like I'm standing here accepting an impossible dream and I thank you so much for that."

Beyoncé also won best R&B contemporary album for I Am ... Sasha Fierce, best R&B female vocal for Single Ladies, best traditional R&B performance for At Last and best R&B song, while Gaga earned trophies for best dance recording (Poker Face) and best electronic/dance album (The Fame).

The platinum-blond electro-pop oddball also opened the evening on a typically bizarre note.

Gaga vamped through a verse of her Poker Face with the stage dressed up with industrial props and smoke puffing out of steel pipes. Wearing a sparkling green unitard with matching high heels, Gaga was then thrown into a fire-filled vat while a dancer chanted "she's a monster."

Below was a double-sided piano with prop arms growing out of it and Elton John positioned on the other side. The two then performed a duet of Your Song and Gaga's Speechless. "Take my picture Hollywood, I wanna be a star!"

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Multiple Grammy winner Taylor Swift accepts the award for best country album.

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The Black Eyed Peas pose together on the red carpet.

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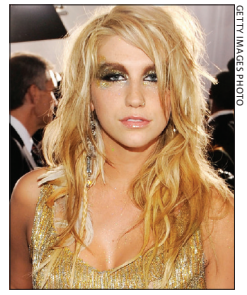
Lady Gaga, above, performs at the 52nd annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles last night.



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TiK ToK singer Ke$ha arrives on the Grammy red carpet.

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American Idol runner-up Adam Lambert greets fans.

Grammy Winners

- The following is a partial list of Grammy Award winners:

Record of the Year:
Use Somebody, Kings of Leon

Best Rock Album:
21st Century Breakdown, Green Day

Best New Artist:
Zac Brown Band

Best Country Album:
Fearless, Taylor Swift

Best Comedy Album:
A Colbert Christmas: The Greatest Gift of All!, Stephen Colbert

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Scan this barcode for the full list of Grammy winners, or read it at metronews.ca/entertainment.

Neil Young wins Grammy

Young

PEOPLE Neil Young has his first Grammy Award.

The Toronto-born rock legend claimed a trophy for best boxed or special limited edition package for his Archives collection.

Young was already honoured over the weekend as the MusiCares person of the year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Torn accused of breaking into bank
Rip Torn has been charged with breaking into a Connecticut bank and carrying a loaded firearm while intoxicated. Police say the Emmy-winning actor, 78, was arrested Friday after police found him inside a Litchfield Bancorp in Salisbury, Conn. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bigelow 'queen of directors'

Filmmaker first woman to win DGA's top honour

Kathryn Bigelow and The Hurt Locker became official awards-season front-runners Saturday after Bigelow won the top prize from the Directors Guild of America.

The 58-year-old filmmaker is the first woman to win the guild's top honour, which positions her and the film as shoe-ins for the Academy Awards. The DGA boasts that its winner has gone on to win the Oscar all but six times since 1948.

"This is the most incredible moment of my life," Bigelow said backstage. She downplayed her gender, saying, "I suppose I like to think of myself as a filmmaker."

Still, she was the only nominated director who earned accolades for her physique as well as her filmmaking. Bigelow was up against Quentin Tarantino for Inglourious Basterds, Jason Reitman for Up in the Air, Lee Daniels for Precious and her ex-husband James Cameron for Avatar.

Tarantino praised her as "queen of directors." He said his fellow nominees have been spending so much time together, they have become "like a superstar rock band and we're going to go on tour together."

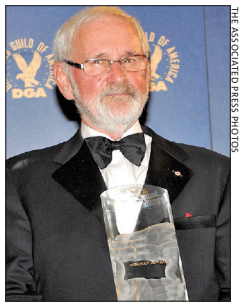
Clutching a shiny medallion as a souvenir of his DGA nomination, Tarantino said, "I don't give a (expletive) who wins, I am so happy to have this."

Reitman told the winning director that he grew up watching her films.

"You are more than a great director, you are one of the greats," he said. "I'm in awe of you, too."

Cameron praised his competitors as "truly excellent and brilliant filmmakers."

The six-hour affair at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza hotel drew a spate of celebrities, including Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt, Jodie Foster, Jon Cryer, Cheryl Hines and Jason Bateman. All but Jolie served as presenters during Saturday's ceremony.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Kathryn Bigelow, left, bagged the top prize from the Directors Guild of America for The Hurt Locker; Filmmaker Norman Jewison received the lifetime achievement award.

Carl Reiner hosted the event recognizing achievements in directing, as he has for 22 years.

Modern Family won the top honour for television comedy for its pilot, directed by Jason Winer. The drama prize went to Mad Men and director Lesli Linka Glatter. Ross Katz was honoured for the HBO movie Taking Chance. Louie Psihoyos' film The Cove won the documentary award.

"The studio heads maybe have all the power, but we've got the glory."
Norman Jewison

Cher presented Norman Jewison with the guild's Lifetime Achievement Award for his career in film.

"The studio heads maybe have all the power, but we've got the glory," he said. "And when you receive the lifetime achievement award like this, it makes you very nervous, like maybe you're going to fall off the perch or something."

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Box office

Estimated ticket sales for Friday, Jan. 29 through Sunday, Jane.. 31 at U.S. and Canadian theatres, according to studio figures:

1. **Avatar:** $30 million US
2. **Edge of Darkness:** $17.1 million
3. **When In Rome:** $12.1 million
4. **Tooth Fairy:** $10 million
5. **The Book of Eli:** $8.8 million
6. **Legion:** $6.8 million
7. **The Lovely Bones:** $4.7 million
8. **Sherlock Holmes:** $4.5 million
9. **Alvin And The Chipmunks The Squeakuel:** $4 million
10. **It's Complicated:** $3.7 million

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Young director honoured

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Accepting the inaugural Jay Scott Award for his debut feature I Killed My Mother from the Toronto Film Critics Association last month, Xavier Dolan was less wunderkind than bashful kid.

His sincere appreciation at being recognized for a film he wrote, directed and starred in at the age that most kids are struggling with high school homework was palpable, although at this point, the 20-year-old Montreal native has had plenty of experience deflecting approbation: I Killed My Mother won three prizes at Cannes in 2009, and while it just missed the Best Foreign Language shortlist at the Oscars, it should figure heavily into this year's Genie Awards.

In Dolan's view, though, there's plenty about the film — a loosely autobiographical comedy-drama about the difficult relationship between a troubled 17-year-old boy (the director) and his über-nudging mother (Anne Dorval) — that might be improved.

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I Killed My Mother opens this Friday.

I Killed My Mother opens Friday

"It's hard to look at it again," laughed Dolan during an interview at last fall's Toronto International Film Festival. "Some things in the film feel unbearable to me now. But at the same time, I'm always discovering new things that I hadn't seen before that I like a lot."

The good stuff comes in the extended arguments between Dolan and Dorval, which have a tetchy tête-à-tête tension.

"People often attribute the rhythms of a movie to the editing," says Dolan. "But in this case, that rhythm is in the dialogue. It was on the page from the beginning. But of course dialogue isn't everything — I wanted there to be little (visual) details to explain the things that words can't."

There's a definite confidence to the filmmaking in I Killed My Mother, as static, long-take sequences are interspersed with more impressionistic montage.

"I love long takes and I wanted to use as many of them as possible, but I don't think that a film has to stay with one style the whole time."

In interviews, Dolan has made reference to producing his debut in something of a rush, which explains its often furious energy (and perhaps also a few of its lapses in dramatic or thematic continuity).

Movie **feature**

Chinese slaves and the U.S.

The Man from **Beijing**

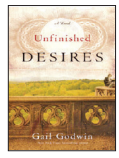
Author: Henning Mankel
Publisher: Knopf Canada
Price: $32 (Hardcover)

THE HISTORY OF slave trading between China and the United States rears its head in modern day Sweden, in Henning Mankel's latest political crime thriller The Man from Beijing. A single red ribbon is all that remains after the savage slaughter of residents of the Swedish hamlet Hesjövallen. The killings hit close to home for local judge Birgitta Roslin, whose grandparents were two of the victims. When Birgitta finds a diary from the 1800s, it sends her on an international journey where she discovers a plot for vengeance spawned by past ill treatment of Chinese slaves with a solid link to the crime.

True **Confections**

Author: Katharine Weber
Publisher: Shaye Areheart Book
Price: $26.95 (Hardcover)

MARRYING INTO the Ziplinsky family, the pedigree of the established Zip's Candies, hasn't been so sweet to Alice Tatnall Ziplinsky. An incessant approval seeker, Alice wants to live up to the family's demands while working at the candy factory it built its lineage on. When Alice inherits the bulk of the operation in its darker days, she sets out to prove herself by uncovering the company's history, all the way back to its Hungarian immigrant founder Eli. Her quest unfurls a storied tale involving runaway slaves and an intended 20th century settlement for European Jews, all ingredients in Zip's Candies fantastic past.



Unfinished **Desires**

Author: Gail Godwin
Publisher: Random House
Price: $32.00 (Hardcover)

AFTER MORE than 60 years teaching young girls at North Carolina private school Mount St. Gabriel's, Mother Suzanne Rayenel has a lot of stories to fill the memoir she's writing as Unfinished Desires unfolds. But no time sticks out more for her than 1951, when freshly orphaned Chloe Starnes arrives to the school around the same time as the young nun teacher Mother Malloy. Their presence shakes up the exclusive social circle of Tildy Stratton and everyone feels the effects. It's not until the girls find a play written by Mother Rayenel herself that they're able to discover themselves and each other a little bit better.

Brian Coulton/for Metro Canada

BookPicks

A little Canadian makes big at Sundance

Canadian actor Tatiana Maslany has been awarded a Special Jury Prize for breakout performance at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival. She plays a precocious teenager in Adriana Magg's Grown Up Movie Star, currently playing at the Scotiabank Theatre. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Fashion bloggers driving unique fashions online

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A design by Norwegian Wood

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Etsy — that online marketplace of handmade goods — has long been dominated by sales of felt owl tchotchkes. But dig a little deeper into the craft fair, and you'll find independent designers selling unique made-to-order pieces, shipped to your door within a week.

It's a strategy that drives the success of Montreal-based designer Angie Johnson. Since 2007, her iheartnorwegianwood.etsy.com has garnered 8,117 user "likes" for her cage skirts, harnesses, and colourful fringe necklaces.

A big part of the line's crossover mainstream success was Johnson's "style blogger du jour" status.

Early fans, like Style Rookie's Tavi and Style Bubble's Susanna Lau, became early Norwegian Wood advocates, blogging often newly released pieces to style influencers.

Lau — recently considered by the Telegraph as Britain's top style blogger — was especially instrumental in the development of the Norwegian Wood "cage skirt" staple.

Lau shared with readers in March 2008 her desire to recreate a Comme des Garçon cage dress.

"I wrote a comment suggesting that I'd be the first person to bid on the design if (Lau) posted it on Etsy's Style Alchemy," Johnson says, referring to a site service where users with style ideas (but lacking sewing skills) post a priced custom item "request" that various sellers can "bid" upon to make.

Lau's stamp of approval was key in Johnson being named as the first Canadian to be invited by British retailer Topshop to design Fall 2009 pieces for its EDIT collection.

Fun with Etsy

CHOOSE-YOUR-OWN-DENIM indiDenim, a San Francisco retailer of customized jeans, allows online shoppers to decide upon cut, fabric, rise, leg, hem, back pocket shape and wash.

CASE MAKER Tech company Case-Mate recently launched "I Make My Case", an online iPhone case personalization tool, where you can choose images from renowned graphic artists.

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Girl talk turns to doc

Film focuses on female body and eating disorders

When a group of pre-teen girls gathered for their weekly girl talk at school three years ago, they never dreamed that they would one day be releasing a feature-length documentary film.

Those Thursday noon-hour group gatherings at Nechako Elementary School in Kitimat, in northern B.C., turned into a full-time film-making project lasting three years and resulting in today's release of their documentary about young girls and eating disorders, 36-24-36.

It's been a crazy and inspiring adventure, said Andrea Sanders-Crouch, who was 11 years old and in Grade 6 in February 2007 when she signed on to start the film project with her friends, Akira Klem-Smith and Justine Shaw.

"It really blossomed into so much more," said Sanders-Crouch, who is excited to the point of giddiness about the documentary's screening next week at Mount Elizabeth Secondary School in Kitimat.

Sanders-Crouch is 14 now and in Grade 9. Klem-Smith is 15 and in Grade 10, and Shaw is 14, in Grade 9. Their film will be released today, and available for free on the Internet.

"It grew out of a bunch of kids and then we got a bunch of young women from all over the world submitting photos to be part of the film." Roderick Taylor

The girls made the documentary under the guidance of youth social worker Roderick Taylor and his wife, Suki Athwal, who live in nearby Terrace, B.C.

Athwal was providing support-work for girls at Kitimat when they hatched the idea to make a documentary, said Taylor, 38, who has produced other social documentaries as Mask Removal Productions.

In 2004, Taylor helped a group of young people in Victoria struggling with employment issues and no previous film experience make a well received documentary — Hide and Go Homeless — about poverty and homelessness.

Taylor said the Kitimat girls came up with the idea about doing a project about eating disorders.

"That project turned into a three-year project," he said.

The film gives a first-hand perspective of battles with anorexia young girls face , said Taylor. It also explores the reality and insights of pre-adolescent girls who, prior to making the film, thought very little about the perception of female body image within our society, Taylor said.

"This film is completely grassroots," Taylor said. "It grew out of a bunch of kids and then we got a bunch of young women from all over the world submitting photos to be part of the film."

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Two new baby ... dogs.
Oprah sure knows how to treat herself — she celebrated her 56th birthday on Jan. 29 with two new family members, 14-week-old springer spaniel siblings Sunny and Lauren, people.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Just a regular date night

YOU KNOW, BUT WEARING A $6,000 GOWN Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie stepped out Saturday night to attend the Directors Guild of America Awards in Los Angeles — and observers say the couple was as happy as can be, people.com reports.

"They looked very giggly," an onlooker told People.

Pitt, who was at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza to introduce his Inglourious Basterds director Quentin Tarantino, was an attentive companion to Jolie, a surprise guest, who wore a gray, single-shoulder Elie Saab gown with gold hoop earrings by Ofira Schwartz, Stuart Weitzman shoes and a vintage bag.

Pitt, whose curious beard has been trimmed, pulled Jolie's chair out for her and touched her back throughout the night as they chatted animatedly with Tarantino at a table of colleagues from the film.

"They look like they are having a fun time," says an onlooker of the couple as they worked the room. "It's definitely a date."

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Kanye lives for fashion

AND THAT INCLUDES WEARING DEAD ANIMALS Just when you thought Kanye West had calmed down, he ranted about — of all things — why he's a "rock star" for wearing fur, usmagazine.com reports.

After PETA criticized the rapper, 32, for wearing fur during Men's Fashion Week in Paris last week, West — who also made the animal-rights organization's list of worst-dressed celebrities of 2009 — defended himself by leaving one of his typical all-caps tirades on his blog.

"When it's all said and done, remember the fearless, remember the dreamers, remember those who represent the ghetto ... The fairy tale of nothing to something," West wrote late Friday.

He continued, "It's funny to me when fashion bloggers down our outfits and then super jock outlandish sh— on the runway but they dress mad prude and don't live fashion."

PETA didn't take lightly to his fashion choices. "Kanye can't help making himself look like an idiot, whether at an awards show or a fashion show," PETA Vice President Dan Matthews said in a statement.

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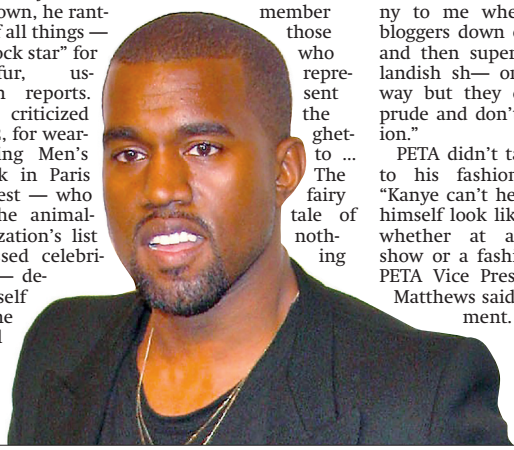

Song from a cheating heart

LA LA LA, I'M LEAVING YOU Before launching into a cover of Patty Griffin's Let Him Fly Friday night, LeAnn Rimes told the crowd at Las Vegas's Eastside Cannery, "This song spoke to me in the past few years, especially the past year. One of the hardest things in life is to let someone go that you really love," people.com reports.

Rimes sang, "It took a while to understand the beauty of just letting go, 'cause it would take an acrobat, I already tried all that."

"I think Griffin hit it right on the head with this song," she said.

People.com wonders is she singing about Dean Sheremet, her husband of nearly eight years.

The couple reached a divorce settlement last month, though the two will remain married until June 19, 2010.

Their marriage crumbled as Rimes began a relationship with actor Eddie Cibrian, who she met on the set of a movie they filmed together.

Cibrian, who was also married at the time, is now divorcing Brandi Glanville.

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Get him off! Get him off!

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK Rumours of Blake Fielder-Civil's cheating may have derailed Amy Winehouse's plans to remarry him, and she's now looking to erase him from her skin as well, tattoo artist Henry Hale tells the Sun. Hale says that Winehouse is looking to have her "Blake" tattoo on her chest covered up. "I didn't ask her what her reasons were. I imagined she wanted to move on," he tells the newspaper. "She was just like, 'It needs to go.' She wanted it covered."

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She doesn't want to butt out

BECAUSE SMOKING TASTES DELICIOUS Gossip Girl star Taylor Momsen is taking flak after photos surfaced from the set of her series showing the 16-year-old puffing away on a cigarette.

"She really has an extra responsibility to bear as an actress idolized by little girls out there," Foundation for a Smoke-Free America director Patrick Reynolds tells Us Weekly. "For her to be smoking sends the wrong message to kids." Momsen, however, is undaunted.

"I didn't get into this to be a role model," she recently told the U.K. Times. "So I'm sorry if I'm influencing your kids in a way that you don't like, but I can't be responsible for their actions. I don't care."

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Smelling Spencer's roses

OR SHE WOULD IF SHE DIDN'T HAVE BANDAGES COVERING HER NEW NOSE Heidi Montag is reportedly getting hate mail because of her highly publicized plastic surgery spree, according to Life & Style, and husband Spencer Pratt is doing what he can to help.

"Spencer ordered about seven bunches of flowers to cheer up Heidi because she'd received a letter or an e-mail saying that her plastic surgery was against God's will," a source tells the magazine. "Heidi's apparently very spiritual, so this kind of criticism really stings."

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Prioritizing all over the place

FAMILY OVER FAME? Nick Cannon insists he and Mariah Carey are looking to start a family once they can find some time in their busy work schedules.

"We absolutely plan to have a family. But we gotta prioritize, because that's a major, major priority," he tells MTV News. "That's like the only priority in life, when you think about it, is starting and raising a family. We wanna make sure everything is out of the way and that we don't have any distractions."

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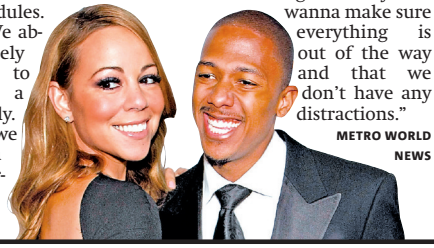

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MARTHA STEWART is looking for support, **AARON CARTER** doesn't want you to worry about him, **PAOLO COELHO** isn't thrilled with who's helping Brazil prep for the Olympics, and **TILA TEQUILA** has some worries about parenthood.

@MarthaStewart by the way i would like to get to 2 million followers this week to win a bet (also lose a bet) any ideas?

@AARONCARTER7 No one should worry Im like Mohammed Ali I will succeed I will reach the top no matter what da haters say! Keep hating it keeps me motivated

@paolocoelho Tony Blair deserves Hague, not Rio. Governor Sergio Cabral, please don't do that. I was in Copenhagen for athletes, not for murderers.

@OfficialTila I dont know the sex of my child yet but I hope its a boy! Cuz if its a girl shes gonna be HELLA FINE & ALL the guys will be on her! headache Damon.

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A healthy appetite

AND A HIGHLY ACTIVE METABOLISM, RIGHT? Nicole Richie still takes issues with reports from several years ago that claimed she was anorexic after the Simple Life star dropped a considerable amount of weight quickly in 2006.

"I felt it was a little unfair to say someone has an eating disorder when they don't," she tells Marie Clare magazine. "It's extremely insulting and irresponsible. An eating disorder is serious and it's a disease."

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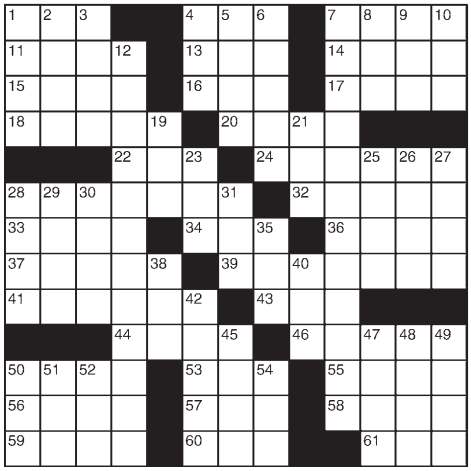

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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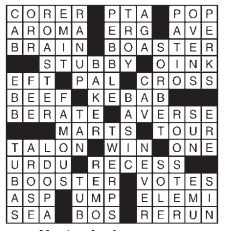
PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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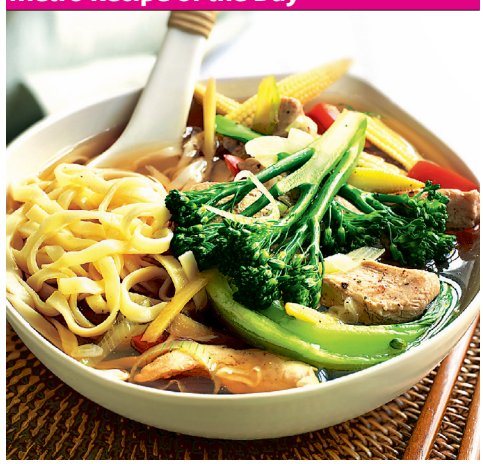
Metro Recipe of the Day



Aromatic Chicken and Vegetable Steamboat

INGREDIENTS:

1 lb (500 g) skinless boneless chicken breasts, thin strips
1/2 tsp (2 mL) five-spice powder
2 tbsp (25 mL) soy sauce
1 1/4-in. (3-cm) piece fresh ginger, peeled and chopped
1 celery stick, sliced
1 garlic clove, sliced
1 strip lemon peel
6 cups (1.5 L) chicken stock
1 red pepper, chunks
1/2 lb (250 g) baby corn
7 oz (200 g) broccoli florets
2 scallions, thinly sliced
1/2 lb (250 g) rice noodles
1/2 lb (250 g) bok choy, quartered lengthwise

METHOD:

1. Put chicken into bowl. Add five-spice powder and soy sauce, and mix well. Set aside.
2. Put ginger into pot with celery, garlic, lemon peel and stock. Boil, then reduce heat. Cover and simmer 5 minutes.
3. Add chicken to stock, then add red pepper, corn and broccoli. Bring back to boil and simmer until chicken is cooked and vegetables are barely tender.
4. Add scallions and noodles; stir, then bring back to boil. Lay bok choy over top and simmer or until bok choy leaves are wilted and noodles are cooked.
5. ladle cooked ingredients into bowls with broth.

SERVES 4

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Someone you meet out there in the big wide world will become an important person in your life over the next few months.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Something you hear will make you feel a lot better about your money situation today. It will also make you realize how silly it is to fear the worst.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You will be inspired to try again at something you have almost but not quite given up on. You have what it takes to be a winner.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You will receive some news from a close friend or relative today that puts a more positive slant on something you have been worrying about.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Do you believe in yourself? You should, because if you believe in yourself then all things are possible. Fame and fortune await you.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Don't bother trying to predict how someone is going to act because you are on completely different wavelengths.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The Sun in your fellow Air sign of Aquarius means you are sending out a lot of highly positive signals at the moment.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Good news about your money situation will arrive out of the blue but you may not see it as good news if you are in one of your more negative moods.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
It will pay you to listen to what friends and colleagues have to tell you today, even if what they say is not what you were hoping to hear.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Get the week off to a flying start. Even those who know you best will think you have taken leave of your senses but they could not be more wrong.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You have an ability to see things that other people miss, things that can be turned to your advantage.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You will receive news that does not exactly delight you today, but if you face up to it and deal with it properly it won't bother you again.

This day in history

1790: In New York City, the Supreme Court of the United States attempts to convene for the first time.
1865: President Abraham Lincoln signs the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.
1884: Edition one of the Oxford English Dictionary is published.
1920: The Royal Canadian Mounted Police begins operations.
1924: The United Kingdom recognizes the USSR.
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